

REMARKS

The present paper is in response to the Office Communication mailed July 18, 2003, in which the SPE denied Applicants' request to correct inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a). In the Office Communication, the SPE indicated that the reason for denial was that a new declaration, signed by all inventors, had not been provided.

In the present submission, a new, original declaration, signed by all the inventors, is included. Also included are:

A Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a);

A copy of the previously-submitted Statement of Added/Deleted Inventor;

A copy of the previously-submitted Consent of Assignee;

A new assignment executed by the added inventor;

A new assignment recordation cover sheet; and

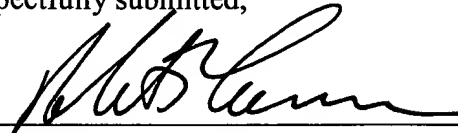
A new Fee Transmittal form authorizing a deposit account charge for the processing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) and the assignment recordation fee under § 1.21(h).

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the request to correct inventorship now meets the requirements of the Patent Office, and earnestly requests that the request be granted and that examination on the merits be instituted in a timely manner.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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